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### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #29**

#### **Summer Announcement #26, District 4 Subsistence Fishing Schedules**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The Pilot Station sonar cumulative passage estimate of approximately 66,000 Chinook salmon through June 27 is well below the historical average of 97,000 for this date.

Based on the current run assessment and in accordance with new regulations adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries, subsistence fishing will be closed to protect the first pulse of Chinook salmon. It is likely the closure will be extended to protect the second pulse. The closure has been initiated in the lower river districts and is being similarly implemented in Subdistrict 4-A based on migratory timing.

**Subdistrict 4-A** (from  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles downstream of Old Paradise Village upstream to Cone Point, which includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Anvik, Grayling, Kaltag, Nulato, and Koyukuk):

Effective 6:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, Subdistrict 4-A will close and remain closed during the next subsistence salmon fishing period which was scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, June 30, to protect the first pulse of Chinook salmon as it passes through this subdistrict.

**Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C** (from Cone Point to Illinois Creek, which includes the mainstem Yukon River communities of Galena and Ruby):

Subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C consists of two 48-hour periods each week, from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays until 6:00 p.m. Fridays and from 6:00 p.m. Sundays until 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays, with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

The department will notify fishermen by July 2 concerning the subsistence salmon fishing schedule in District 4.

State regulations do not allow the use of drift gillnets in State waters of Subdistrict 4-B and 4-C. Federal regulations allow the use of drift gillnets in Federal waters of Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C. Subsistence salmon fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations before subsistence fishing. Subsistence fishermen wishing to utilize drift gillnet gear in these subdistricts should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (907) 949-1825 or 456-0418 to verify the fishing schedule, gear restrictions, and specific locations where the gear may be used.

**Koyukuk River:** Subsistence salmon fishing is open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size to conserve Chinook salmon.

During subsistence salmon fishing closures, fish wheels may not be operated and gillnets with a mesh size greater than four inches and a length greater than 60 feet must be removed from the water.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274 or in Emmonak at 949-1320. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted in Fairbanks at 456-0418 or in Emmonak at 949-1825.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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